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ERIC SEVAREID

SEVAREID SPEAKS "It is perfectly clear that people, given no alternative, will choose tyranny over anarchy, because anarchy is the worst tyranny of all...

"The special nature of liberties is that they can be defended only as long as we still have them. So the very first signs of their erosion must be resisted, whether the issue be domestic surveillance by the Army, so-called preventive detention, or the freedom of corporate television, or that of a campus newspaper...It is an eternal error to believe that a cause considered righteous sanctifies unrighteous methods...It is eternally true that both successful and unsuccessful revolutions increase the power of the state, not that of the individual...

"We are learning that affluence without simplicity is a giant trap; that poverty itself is endurable, but not poverty side by side with affluence.

"Our political leaders are learning that Sophocles was right: nothing that is vast enters into the affairs of mortals without a curse, and that vast American power has now produced its curse...

"What counts most in the long haul of adult life is not brilliance, or charisma, or derring-do, but rather the quality that the Romans called "gravitas"--patience, stamina, and weight of judgment...The prime virtue is courage, because it makes all other virtues possible."--Highlights from the speech made by Eric Sevareid, CBS chief Washington correspondent, at the 80th Annual Stanford University Commencement, June 13, 1971.